

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 805

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate May 2022 as "Silver Alert Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, in the case of a missing person who has wandered due to dementia, physical impairment, or disability, the first few hours are critical to finding the individual; and

WHEREAS, to aid in the identification and location of missing persons, the General Assembly established the Silver Alert program in 2021 through the passage of Public Chapter 350; and

WHEREAS, under the oversight of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, a statewide protocol has been implemented in cooperation with law enforcement agencies so that a "Silver Alert" is issued when a person aged sixty years or older, whose whereabouts are unknown, and who is believed to be in danger because of age, health, mental health condition, or physical disability, in combination with environmental or weather conditions, is believed to be unable to return to safety without assistance; and

WHEREAS, a "Silver Alert" may also be issued for a person of any age who suffers from a documented case of dementia or a person aged eighteen or older who has an intellectual, developmental, or physical disability, who is believed to be in danger due to the dementia or physical impairment or because of the disability and unable to return to safety without assistance; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Silver Alert Awareness Month will generate a greater understanding of the Silver Alert program and increase public awareness and engagement via Alzheimer's Tennessee, which has plans to schedule educational opportunities and create a media campaign; and

WHEREAS, during the Awareness Month, Silver Alert Kits will also be made available to families to help them be better prepared should a loved one wander; and

WHEREAS, it is of vital importance to the State of Tennessee that we take this opportunity to support this outstanding program that seeks to enhance the protection and secure the safety of our most fragile residents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commemorate May 2022 as "Silver Alert Awareness Month" in the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.